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## TEXAS CATTLE DRIVE.

We present this week some further information in reference to the Texas cattle drive, which was furnished to the San Antonio, Texas, Express by Mr. A. Conkle, live stock agent of the Kansas Pacific Railway. Mr. Conkle, who returned to this city on Monday from San Antonio, has corrected some typographical errors, which occurred in its production in the San Antonio paper, for the Indicator, and therefore we have the pleasure of presenting it to our readers revised.

We have never known such a diversity of opinion in reference to the number of cattle which will be driven north as there has been this year. First it was thought the number would be small, not more than 125,000, then it was increased to 179,000, and again to 200,000, and now we have Mr. Conkle placing the figures at 171,800.

In an interview with a representative of the Indicator, as to the condition of cattle in Texas, Mr. Conkle agreed with what Mr. Montgomery said last week. But he disagrees with Mr. Montgomery in the number of bees which will be driven. It will be remembered that Mr. M. stated that he did not think that there would be more than 12,000 bees driven, whereas Mr. Conkle places the number at 20,000, and thinks that it may probably be increased to 25,000.

The prices of cattle in Texas are much stronger now than they were a few weeks back, and at the present time are selling as follows:

Yearlings.....	\$ 5.00 a 6.00
Two-years-olds.....	5.00 a 9.00
Three-years-olds.....	10.00 a 11.00
Four-years-olds.....	11.00 a 12.00

Mr. Conkle was all over southwestern Texas, and he says that cattle are as plenty as ever, and thinks that the drive will be continued from year to year indefinitely.—[Commercial Indicator.]

## STOCK RAISING.

One of the great wrongs perpetrated against the State of Kansas is the failure of the large majority who come here to engage in stock growing. Wheat growing has taken too much valuable time when we consider that stock raising pays larger returns and is affected by none of the mistakes which overtake wheat in its cultivation. Many will tell us that the cattle interest of this section is more than doubling every year, and that at an early day the Arkansas valley will be cultivated for its almost countless herds of fine cattle. This we must admit to be all true, and this is the very argument which proves that valuable time is lost in growing wheat. Wheat, as a crop, has been successful, but our argument is that it has not, and cannot pay as large a return as cattle. Men come to this country to succeed, and when it is an admitted fact that stock raising pays better and will, in ninety-nine cases out of every hundred, make a return highly satisfactory, we cannot help urging them to put their money in growing cattle.—[Hutchinson Interior.]

A lot of Colorado native steers, which had been corn fed two winters in Jackson county, Missouri, sold at the Kansas City stock yards during last week for \$5 per hundred pounds. There were twenty head in the bunch, and they averaged 1,608 pounds.

The rain on last Sunday was quite general throughout the State, and has been of incalculable benefit and will secure to Kansas another good wheat crop. The winter has been favorable for the wheat, and from present appearances and the increased area sown, we shall no doubt have a larger yield this year than last.—[Newton Kansan.]

## Refunding.

The Philadelphia North American of the 10th inst. says: "While the counties in Missouri have been knocking at the doors of the Legislature, and successfully, too, for permission to repudiate their honest debts with legislative sanction, the counties in Kansas have found no difficulty in refunding at a lower rate of interest, and are fast lightening the burdens of the tax-payers that have been carried without complaint. And yet Missouri wonders at the stream of immigration that passes by her gates and flows so steadily into Kansas."

The best information obtainable is adverse to the reported discovery of gold in Cowley county. The region of the first reported strike is being gradually depopulated, and shattered hopes keep pace with the woodbine.—[Leavenworth Press.]

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